

Message from the Pastor

Psalm 80:1-7

To the leader: on Lilies, a Covenant. Of Asaph. A Psalm. ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth ² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! ³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. ⁴ O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. ⁶ You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.



Tis the Season . . . to be . . .

what, exactly? Jolly. Thoughtful. Reflective. Happy. Sad.

Not long after the last jingle bell and the clinking of glasses ushering the New Year, we rush through Epiphany and fall into Lent starting on Valentine's Day, February 14th.

Tis the Season . . .

We leave the manger, the star shining bright, piercing the darkness, revealing the hope of the world. And we will immerse ourselves following the Light of the World to Golgotha, darkness's last attempt to kill the Light. And we will know the truth . . . "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:5)

Peace,
Pastor Matt

The Cross in the Manger By Ann Weems

*If there is no cross in the manger,
there is no Christmas.*

*If the Babe doesn't become the Adult,
there is no Bethlehem star.*

*If there is no commitment in us,
there are no wise men searching.*

*If we offer no cup of cold water,
there is no gold, no frankincense, no myrrh.*

*If there is no praising God's name,
there are no angels singing.*

*If there is no spirit of alleluia,
there are no shepherds watching.*

*If there is no standing up, no speaking out, no risk
there is no Herod, no flight into Egypt.*

*If there is no room in our inn,
then "Merry Christmas" mocks the Christ Child,
and the Holy Family is just a holiday card,
and God will loathe our feasts and festivals.*

*For if there is no reconciliation,
we cannot call Christ "Prince of Peace".*

*If there is no goodwill towards others,
it can all be packed away in boxes for another year.*

*If there is no forgiveness in us,
there is no cause for celebration.*

*If we cannot go even now unto Golgotha,
there is no Christmas in us.*

*If Christmas is not now,
if Christ is not born into the everyday present,
then what is all the noise about?*



Ministering

Volunteers who share their gifts



January 7, 2018

Greeters: Billie Goodno & Elaine Faires
Ushers: Annie Frederick & Katie Kersting
Reader: Emmie Leland
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Vicki Richter's Group

January 14, 2018

Greeters: Sip & Bonnie Crotteau
Ushers: Dick Bockemuehl & Sandy Ellersick
Reader: LeRoy Leland
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Gail Johnson's Group

January 21, 2018

Greeters: Joy Peralta & Carol Rock
Ushers: Val Samson & Elaine Peterson
Reader: Lee Shaver
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Val Samson's Group

January 28, 2018

Greeters: Leissa Thorsen & Marlene Faraca
Ushers: Theresa Watson & Ashley Scirbner
Reader: Don Comins
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Annual Meeting



February 4, 2018

Greeters: Carol Bourassa & Val Urvat
Ushers: Marva Heckathorn & Nancy Thome
Reader: John Gertenbach
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Sandy Ellersick's Group

February 11, 2018

Greeters: Annie Fredericks & Katie Kersting
Ushers: Toby & Gail Johnson
Reader: Marva Heckathorn
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Jean Oxrieder's Group

February 18, 2018

Greeters: Tom & Hazel Bauer
Ushers: Les & Blanche Wall
Reader: Jan Gleason
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Jaci Stevens' Group

February 25, 2018

Greeters: Geoff Jones, Anna & Chloe
Ushers: Rita Crisp & Trish Akre
Reader: Rita Crisp
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Eloise Opp's Group

The Righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their father. Matthew 13:43

Birthdays



Celebrate their Birth

JANUARY

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| Blanche Wall | 01-04 |
| Van Smith | 01-05 |
| Evelyn Cordes | 01-07 |
| Lee Shaver | 01-11 |
| Mark Bender | 01-11 |

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| Anna Ratcliff | 01-13 |
| Nicole Seeber | 01-14 |
| Jean Kress | 01-14 |
| Nicole Smoot | 01-15 |
| Racine Balow | 01-18 |
| Kristi Bell | 01-19 |
| Faith Hughes | 01-20 |
| Ruth Chamberlain | 01-21 |
| Don Klages | 01-22 |
| Sandy Ellersick | 01-23 |
| Spencer Smith | 01-24 |
| Les Wall | 01-24 |
| David Olson | 01-26 |
| Lynda Heckman | 01-28 |
| Jamie Wyrobek | 01-28 |
| Bob Swanson | 01-29 |
| Ken Peralta | 01-30 |
| Anna Radke-Jones | 01-30 |
| Al Leiser | 01-30 |
| Pat Kowal | 01-31 |

FEBRUARY

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| Mia Shults | 02-04 |
| Gail Johnson | 02-05 |
| Lilly Hughes | 01-07 |
| Ruby Morey | 02-08 |
| Berg Hughes | 02-09 |
| Mary Bug Smith | 02-10 |
| Valerie Blake | 02-11 |
| Jared Hughes | 02-11 |
| Denis Alliger | 02-11 |
| Ladimer Mischenko | 02-12 |
| Carol Bourassa | 02-13 |
| Jaci Stevens | 02-13 |
| Taylor Lewis | 02-14 |
| Val Urbat | 02-14 |
| Makayla Read | 02-17 |
| Nancy Thome | 02-17 |
| Jennifer Ellersick | 02-21 |
| Sarah Ratcliff | 02-21 |
| Kendall Hinchliff | 02-24 |
| Elise Hinchliff | 02-24 |
| Dorothy Funden | 02-26 |
| Carolyn "Tat" Blesch | 02-26 |
| Stephen Bateman | 02-28 |

Special Thanks

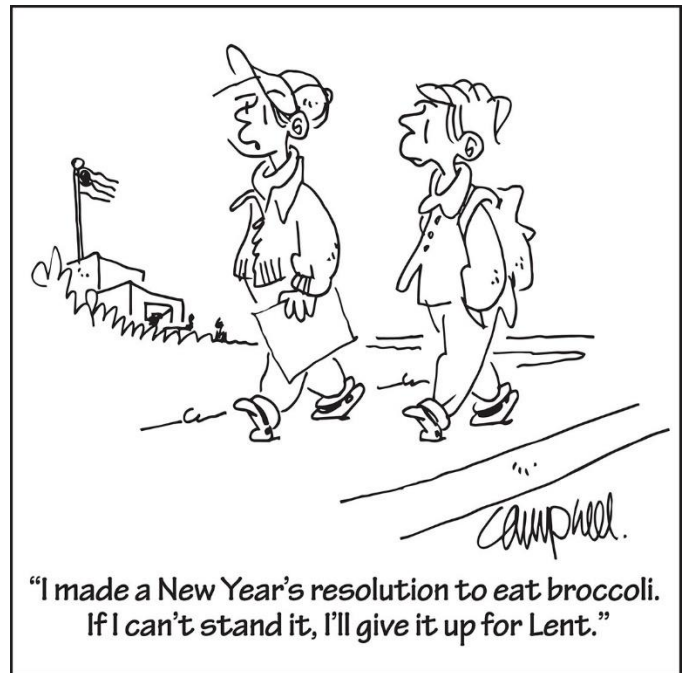
Appreciation for God's blessings in action



From Val Samson & the Stewardship Committee: As we leave 2017 and begin the new year, thoughts of budgets may come to mind. Your Church family operates on one of those and it has worked remarkably well in the past. Actually, we have

several different budgets, one of course is financial, but the others are built on the offerings of time and talent (or skills, if you will). Much of what we see on a daily, weekly, monthly even yearly basis happens because someone is a good carpenter, has bookkeeping skills, works well with children, drives folks to meetings and appointments, bakes wonderful goodies or is a whiz at efficiency and organization. There are tons of other examples, but you get the point. In this season of giving: THANK YOU ...for the giving and sharing of your treasures, whatever they have been, whatever they may be.

Special thanks to everyone who made this newsletter possible. – Patty Leiser



Activities & Opportunities

Mark your calendar



Please come help. If you've enjoyed the beautiful Christmas decorations, we could use your help to take them down and store them until next year. **Thursday, January 4th** from 9am until . . .



Open House

You are invited to the Pastors' home

114 E Circle Drive, Newport
Sunday, January 7th from 2-5pm
For our Annual Epiphany Open House

With grateful hearts for the gift of sharing ministry together with you all! And for the countless ways you have blessed us. Thank you!
*Pastor Matt and Pastor Janine,
Kari and Lia*



Begins February 14th at 7pm here at ALC with our Ash Wednesday service

We will be hosting the Lenten Soup Supper and Services on February 21 and 28!
St. Anthony's will host March 7 and 14
UCC will host March 21 and 28



will meet
Tuesday, January 9th at 7pm
and **February 13th at 5:30pm.**

On February 13 at 5:30pm, all elected council and committee members will gather for a chili dinner and time to look ahead at the year together. Smooth transitions ☺



Please attend Annual Meeting & Potluck After Worship Sunday, January 28th

Mark your calendar and plan to bring something yummy to share.

NOTE: Reports to be included in the Annual Report need to be in the church office by Sunday, January 14th.



The Coffee Hour Schedule for 2018 will be printed in the updated Anna Circle booklet soon. Please check the Ministering Calendar for January and February.

February 18th, including all calendar items, service group schedules, announcements, and thank you notes. Please email them to Alc.churchoffice@gmail.com **THANK YOU!**





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Church Council 2017

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 Education Monica Jones
 Jennifer Ellersick*
 Shannon Hurd
 Evangelism Sylvia Post
 Rita Crisp*
 Theresa Watson
 Mission/Social Concerns Annie Frederick*
 Nancy Thome
 Katie Kersting
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 Ralph Blake
 Glen Smith
 Stewardship Val Urbat
 Val Samson*
 Robin Balow
 Worship & Music Larry Sauer*
 Mark Bender
 Elaine Petersen

* church council member



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| | 1 | 2 | 3 12 n AlAnon 7pm Choir Practice | 4 9am Unhanging of the Greens | 5 Epiphany | 6 |
| 7 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Coffee Hour 2-5pm Epiphany Open House at Pastors' Home | 8 | 9 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30 am Anna Circle 7 pm Church Council | 10 12 n AlAnon 7pm Choir Practice | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Coffee Hour | 15 | 16 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30 am Quilters Pastors Cluster Meeting @ Sandpoint | 17 12 n AlAnon 7pm Choir Practice | 18 5:30 pm BBB | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Coffee Hour | 22 | 23 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30 am Quilters | 24 12 n AlAnon 7pm Choir Practice | 25 6:30 pm WWW | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Annual Meeting & Potluck | 29 | 30 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30 am Quilters | 31 | | | |



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